

## ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer and;

***WHEREAS***, prolonged exposure to radon can kill as many as 500 people in New Jersey each year and;

***WHEREAS***, families who reside in homes with elevated radon levels are at risk of developing serious health problems and;

***WHEREAS***, any home could have high levels, even when neighboring homes do not and;

***WHEREAS***, radon testing can be done with great ease at a relatively low expense to the homeowner, with the cost of reducing radon concentrations being comparable to that of any home repair and;

***WHEREAS***, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are collaborating during the month of January to promote the need for radon testing in an effort to protect the lives of our State's residents and;

***WHEREAS***, if all New Jersey homes with radon concentrations at or above 4 pCi/L were mitigated, about 83 lives could be saved this year and;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Stephen K. Pote, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, on behalf of the Borough Council and residents of Watchung, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2017, as

### ***RADON ACTION MONTH***

in the Borough of Watchung and call upon all residents who have not yet tested to test their homes for radon and to reduce radon levels if elevated levels are found, to protect their families from the serious health risk of radon.



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Stephen K. Pote, Mayor